<u>REMARKS</u>

[0007] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the

claims of the application. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16-28 and 30-36 are presently pending.

Claim 23 is amended herein. No claims are withdrawn or cancelled herein. No new

claims are added herein.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0008] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than

allowance of all pending claims and there only issues that remain are minor or formal

matters, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the

Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can

talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over

the phone.

[0009] Please contact me to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that

is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for me, I welcome your call

as well. My contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

[0010] Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-

14, 16-22 and 33-35. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain

allowable.

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**Claim Amendments** 

[0011] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of

expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claim 23 herein. Applicant amends the claims

to clarify claimed features. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and more

quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to

clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed

invention in response to cited references.

[0012] Support for the amendment to claim 23 is found in the specification at least

at page 6.

**Specification** 

[0013] The Examiner objects to the specification. Herein, Applicant amends claim

23 to obviate the objection.

Claim Rejections under § 101

[0014] Claims 23-28, 30-32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant

respectfully traverses this rejection. Furthermore, in light of the amendments presented

herein, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the

Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

**[0015]** If the Examiner maintains the rejection of these claims, then Applicant

requests additional guidance as to what is necessary to overcome the rejection.

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## **Conclusion**

**[0016]** All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action**. Please call or email me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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